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REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from the Zeithain Troop Training Grounds

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 19 March 1954

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REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 10 a.m. and noon on 15 February 1954, a troop train was being assembled and left toward Jueterbog at about 1 p.m. JS-1 tanks [redacted] JS-3 tanks [redacted] and T-34/85 tanks [redacted] coming from the training area, had been entrained. 25X1
2. At about 10:30 p.m. on 13 February, about 30 trucks towing 24 x 85-mm AT guns left toward Grossenhain. The trucks were occupied by each 8 to 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and included [redacted] A short time later, a column of 8 rocket launchers, [redacted] and about 10 trucks occupied by troops left toward Riesa. 25X1
3. At about 8:30 a.m. on 19 February, six-wheel armored personnel carriers [redacted] and, at 1 p.m., T-34/85 tanks [redacted] arrived at the training grounds from the direction of Riesa. 25X1
4. At about 12:30 p.m. on 26 February, armored scout cars [redacted] armored personnel carriers [redacted] and 1 four-wheel armored personnel carrier left the training area toward Riesa. Between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on the same day, reports of artillery pieces or tank guns were heard. 25X1
5. [redacted] at 6 a.m. on 1 March, a unit with 10 to 15 tanks had been entrained at the Rødderau railroad station. 25X1
6. At about 10 a.m. on 2 March, 2 T-34/85 tanks and 9 tanks of unidentified type were seen at the target range for medium tanks. Two T-34/85 tanks and 2 salvage tanks were seen under a lean-to roof. 25X1
7. At about 5 p.m. on 3 March, a column of 3 trucks, towing 3 x 76.2-mm AT gun, 7 trucks each mounting an AA machine UNCODED [redacted] and M-3 armored personnel carriers [redacted] was seen en route toward Oschatz, coming from the training area. At about 7:30 p.m., 9 T-34/85 tanks, including [redacted] and JS-1 tanks [redacted] left the training area toward Riesa. 25X1

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1. Comment. This shipment with tanks of the 9th Tank Div presumably went to the Uebigau area, east of Torgau, where an exercise of units of the 1st Gds Mech Army is believed to have been under way.

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- UNCL Comment. the unit belonged to the unidentified Arty Brig of the First Gds Mech Army.

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3. Comment. presumably a unit of the unidentified RL Regt of the First Gds Mech Army from Meissen.

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